THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that petroleum products are supplied at natural temperature from their storage points to all petroleum Retail Outlets (ROs) and the pricing is also done at natural temperature. Representations were received by OMCs and this Ministry that losses are being incurred at the ROs due to the reasons that OMCs are supplying products to them at higher temperature. However, their contention is not established since studies carried out by Oil Industry and IIP, Dehradun on the subject indicates that at whatever temperature OMCs supply the product, the ROs receive the product at the same temperature.

Reserves in East Godavari Basin

2425. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large numbers of reserves have been found in East Godavari Basin by one of the private companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time it will take for the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd., (GSPC) and consortium of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., (ONGC) and Cairn India Limited (CAIRN) have discovered oil and gas in offshore areas of East Godavari Basin. The details are as under:

Blocks	Reserves Established as on 1.4.2008
KG-DWN-98/3 (RIL and NIKO Resources Limited (NIKO)	570 MMT (O+OEG)
KG-OSN-2001/3 (GSPC, GGRL and JEPL)	45.3 MMT (O+OEG)
KG-DWN-98/2 (ONGC and CAIRN	The reserves in this block have not been established.

(c) The commercial production of oil in the block KG-DWN-98/3 commenced in September, 2008 @ 10000 barrels of oil per day. The gas production from the Block KG-DWN-98/3 is expected to commence by January, 2009.

Gujarat Motor Vehicles Regulation Bill

2426. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1197 answered in Rajya Sabha on 11 March, 2008 and state :

(a) whether it has been examined from all the angles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for such delay; and

(d) when the Bill is likely to be approved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) The Gujarat Motor Vehicles [Use of Fuel] Regulation Bill, 2005, for seeking the approval of the Government of India before its introduction in the State Legislature, was received by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on 17th Feb 2005. In the Gujarat Motor Vehicles [Use of Fuel] Regulation Bill, 2005 there are policy issues, which need to be sorted out in consultation with other Departments/Ministry. The matter is still under consideration with Government of India.

Facilities for customers

2427. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increase in prices of petroleum products will enable to upgrade facilities for customers; and

(b) if so, what sort of facilities will be extended to customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Oil Marketing Companies have reported that the provision of facilities and up-gradation of the facilities for customer is an ongoing activity based on the business requirement. The pricing of petroleum products has no direct linkage on the facilities provided at the Retail Outlets.

Gas pipeline in Gujarat

2428. SHRI C. RAMA CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a company formerly known as Gas Transportation and Infrastructure Ltd. is being given permission to lay Gas pipelines without giving the compensation to 95 Other Backward Class OBC Small Industrial Plot holders in Surat District of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up the issue;

(c) if so, how many plot holders have been paid compensation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and also the steps taken to discipline the company, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has been allowed to lay Kakinada-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad gas pipeline in